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2.	It is her	reby certified:				
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3.		Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:				
4.	For eac	or each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:				
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		reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s), and/or				
		reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:				
5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:				
6.		Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.				
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8. Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

If any required fees are missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5181-65700.

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